

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed May 15, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-32. Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for alleged anticipation by Atkinson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,196,020). The claims were also provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-44 of pending Application No. 11/398,185.

Each issue raised by the Examiner is addressed below. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A petition for an extension of time of three months accompanies this response so the response will be deemed to have been timely filed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 and 25 are amended to recite that the cutting assembly is rotatably attached to the cutting head. Applicants believe that this recitation addresses the Examiner's concerns. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 27 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 31 (not previously rejected). The dependency of claim 32 is amended accordingly. Applicants believe that the amendments address the Examiner's concerns. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

The claims were provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting. As this is a provisional rejection, no response is required at this time, but applicants stand ready to address the provisional rejection in due course.

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Please charge the petition fee to Deposit Account number 17-0055. No other fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should any such fee be due in this or any subsequent response, please consider this a request to charge the fee to the same deposit account.

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